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1. A school for both commissioned and noncommissioned officers candidates of the Yugoslav Cavalry is located in Velika Kikinda. The members of the commanding staff at the school have been identified as follows:

- a. Commander: Lieutenant Colonel Valentin Horvat;<sup>1</sup>
- b. Political Commissar: Milan Suman;<sup>2</sup> and
- c. KOS Chief: Captain Vinko Fregl.

2. The Commissioned Officers and Noncommissioned Officers' School at Velika Kikinda comprises the following divisions:

- a. Training;
- b. Plans;
- c. Operations;
- d. Political;
- e. Police (UDB);
- f. Quartermaster; and
- g. Administration.

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3. The Cavalry School instructors have been identified as follows:

- a. Tactical instructor: Major Petar Cikojevic, former lieutenant in the Royal Yugoslav Army, who attended the Suvorov Military Academy in Russia;

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- b. Instructor in infantry training: Colonel Milos Drakulic,<sup>3</sup> former captain in the Royal Yugoslav Army;
  - c. Topography instructor: Major Stanko Zivkovic,<sup>3</sup>
  - d. Political instructor: Captain Luka Lekic;
  - e. Alternate Political instructor: Captain Pavle Petrovic;
  - f. Instructor in formal training: Major Ivan Muzevic;
  - g. Instructor in horsemanship and communications: Major Slavko Grdjic;
  - h. Instructor in chemical warfare: Lieutenant Colonel Marko Ranicki, former captain in the Royal Yugoslav Army;
  - i. Physical education instructor: Lieutenant Bora Spasojevac; and
  - j. Instructor in firearms and ballistics: Captain Mila Grmosa, former lieutenant in the Royal Yugoslav Army.
4. In addition to the regular curriculum offered at the Cavalry School at Velika Kikinda for commissioned and noncommissioned officer candidates of the cavalry, the following courses are given at the school:
- a. A staff-level course for active commissioned officers. The duration of this course is twelve months and the training is identical for officers of all ranks. Each class is composed of some 30 officers.
  - b. A staff-level course for cavalry artillery officers, the duration of which is three months. This course, which is offered at unspecified times, is also attended by field artillery officers.
  - c. A three-month staff-level course, which generally has an enrollment of 30 men, is offered for reserve officers.
  - d. Frequent courses of three months' duration are given for noncommissioned officers. Each class generally has an enrollment of 40 noncommissioned officers.
  - e. A twelve-month course is offered for reserve noncommissioned officers. This course is attended by Communist reserve noncommissioned officers who, upon successful completion of this course, are given the rank of master sergeant. In the event these men are recalled into active military service, they are given the rank of warrant officer. Some 80 noncommissioned officers attend this course.
5. A highly specialized course in equitation is offered at the Cavalry School at Velika Kikinda. The enrollment in this course is ten officers. These officers undergo strenuous training in horsemanship in preparation for national and international riding competitions. The following individuals have been identified as candidates in this course:
- a. Lieutenant Nikola Karan;
  - b. Captain Djukica Jovanovic;
  - c. Lieutenant Branko Milovic;
  - d. Second Lieutenant Branko Bagovic;

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- e. Second Lieutenant Franjo Zagar; and
- f. A certain Lieutenant Pajtak.

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1. Comment: Valentin Horvat to be Commander of the Infantry Academy at Kragujevac.

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2. Comment: a Captain Ivo Suman, possibly identical with this individual, was Political Commissar of a cavalry regiment (12 Cavalry Brigade ?) in Vrsac during March 1951.

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3. Comment: a Major Mano Drakulic was reported to be Political Commissar of a cavalry regiment (11 Cavalry Brigade ?) at Smederevska Palanka; a certain Major Zivkovic, was named as staff officer at the Infantry Academy in Kragujevac. These individuals are possibly identical with the two mentioned in the present report.

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